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OHIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS FOR 1937-38

President, Edward A. Henry, University of Cincinnati Library. Secretary, Mildred L. Stibitz, Dayton Public Library. Treasurer, Emelia E. Wefel, Cleveland Public Library. Vice Presidents: Mrs. Mary M. Gillham, University of Toledo Library; Dorothy Wightman, Nelsonville Public Library; Kathryn Luse, Mentor Township Public Library.

EXECUTIVE BOARD—The Officers and three past-Presidents: Roena A. Ingham, Lakewood Public Library; George J. Blazier, Marietta College Library; Will H. Collins, Akron Public Library.

THE 1937 CONVENTION

by
Virginia Hollingsworth, Secretary, 1936-37

The forty-second annual meeting of the Ohio Library Association was held October 7th, 8th, and 9th at Columbus, Ohio. Headquarters were at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel. The total registration was 502.

The following special meetings were held: Junior Members, October 7th; Public Library Conference, October 8th; College and University Conference, and Adult Education Conference, October 9th. Two new sections were organized: The Hospital Libraries Section, which held its meeting October 7th, and the Section of Workers with Young People, which met October 9th.

At the conclusion of the Public Library Conference, a film, "Steps in Bookbinding," was shown by Dean Hirschberg of the School of Library Science, Western Reserve University. The picture was made under the auspices of the Bookbinding Institute and the School of Library Science, for future use in library schools. This was its first showing.

Three enjoyable luncheon meetings were held: The Catalogers' luncheon, October 8th; Ohio Library Trustees Association luncheon, October 8th, and the College and University Libraries luncheon, October 9th.

The annual banquet took place on the evening of October 8th. The speakers for the evening were Governor Martin L. Davey, and The Honorable Russell Wilson, Mayor of Cincinnati.

There were three General Sessions. Mr. Will H. Collins, Librarian of Akron Public Library, President of the Association, presided.

The first General Session was held on the evening of October 7th. The speaker of the evening was James T. Farrell, author of the "Studs Lonigan" trilogy. His topic was "Censorship, Criticism and Appreciation of Literature."

A panel discussion "Preservation of Local History Materials" was given at the Second General Session. Mr. William J. Hamilton, Librarian of the Dayton Public Library, served as chairman. This was followed by an illustrated talk, "Art, Before and After Taking," by Karl Bolander, Director of the Fort Wayne Art Institute and President of the National Art Hobby Guild.

The third General Session took place on the afternoon of October 9th and included the annual business meeting. Officers for the new year were elected as shown at the top of this Bulletin.

In recognition of her long and outstanding service to Ohio libraries and to the Ohio Library Association, Miss Alice Tyler was elected to honorary life membership in the Association.

Two recommendations of the Executive Board were voted upon and approved: (a) That Article IV. Section "e" of the By-laws of the Association be changed to read: "Sustaining members, $9.00 a year in addition to the regular dues of $1.00." (b) That the present Board employ Mr. Tritschler and Mr. Kerwin as legislative agents for the Association, until the new Board can be organized. Recommendation is made to the new board that this employment be continued indefinitely.

The special feature of this session was the address given by Mrs. Bertita Harding, "The Power Behind the Pen."

Following the meeting, a tea was given at the Ohio State Library.

THE 1938 CONFERENCE

On October 20, 21 and 22, 1938, The Ohio Library Association is sponsoring an "OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE" to be held in the Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati. The Kentucky Library Association has voted to unite in this meeting. The West Virginia Library Association has indicated that they would unite with us though we have not yet received word of the formal vote of their new Executive Board. The Ohio Library Trustees Association will, of course, be with us. The Library Binding Institute will meet in Cincinnati on the 21st and 22nd and will have at least one joint meeting with us. There is a possibility of one or two other organizations joining with us.

The Indiana Library Association is meeting in Bloomington, Ind., the week before, but Mr. Dickerson has advised us that we may expect him and the Librarians of a number of other larger Indiana libraries to attend our Regional Conference. We also have indications that some librarians from the Pittsburgh area may attend our meeting if the Pennsylvania dates, which are not yet arranged, do not clash with ours.

The President will welcome any suggestions regarding other organizations which might unite with us and also regarding the program. We want to make the OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE of 1938 one long to be remembered.

A NEW MEMBERSHIP

At the Columbus Conference, as indicated elsewhere, the Ohio Library Association voted to establish a "Sustaining Membership" of $10.00 ($1.00 regular dues plus $9.00 additional).

The reason for this is that it has become necessary for us to retain legislative counsel who will represent us before legislative committees and protect us against adverse rulings by various state commissions, boards, etc.

Our annual conventions have become approximately self sustaining. Our ordinary dues a little more than support our committee work, this BULLETIN, the spring extension meetings and other usual activities of the Association.

As a result we need to raise close to $1,000.00 per year additional in order to support this legislative work which in turn protects our tax income and hence our salaries and our book budgets. If the legislature should pass an act depriving libraries of their prior right to the returns from the intangibles tax it is not impossible that every public library employee in the state might suffer a cut in salary.

Two methods of raising this money are possible. One would be to call upon our membership for special contributions as we did in 1931. This is not desirable because it is not a "special" need. It is a permanent annual charge for which we must provide on a permanent basis. The second method possible was to provide for a type of membership which would yield more income. This "Sustaining Membership" is the result.

We are hoping, yes, expecting that most of the higher salaried people in the state will volunteer to take Sustaining Memberships. We hope that many of the larger libraries will take out such memberships. We are confident that our exhibitors, both book dealers and binders, will do likewise. For, in very truth, any loss of tax income will be reflected instantly in reduced book and binding expenditures.

The Ohio Library Trustees Association has already promised a substantial contribution toward this $1,000.00 fund.

WHO WILL BE THE FIRST FIFTY MEMBERS TO SEND CHECKS FOR $10.00 EACH TO MISS WEFEL AND WRITE, "MISS WEFEL—PUT ME DOWN FOR A SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP." The line forms at the left. Don't crowd!

We are anxious to have our first fifty in hand before the end of January. Then we will write to our exhibitors, "Our members have done their share toward protecting our library incomes

by taking Sustained Memberships. Now we are counting upon you to do the same in order to protect the $2,000,000.00 per year which Ohio libraries spend with you for books and binding."

We will publish the list of Sustaining Members in our next O. L. A. Bulletin under the heading ROLL OF HONOR.

REGULAR DUES

Those who cannot take Sustaining Memberships should pay their regular dues of $1.00 for the calendar year 1938 AT ONCE in order to save billing costs. Send your check for $1.00 to Miss Wefel, or, in the larger libraries, hand your dollars to the member of the Membership Committee in your library. Remember that individual billing by Miss Wefel costs three percent of our membership income. Last year the Treasurer billed some members three times, spending nine cents postage (to say nothing of stationery and labor costs) to collect $1.00 dues. We cannot afford such costs this year.

As far as acceptances have been received, the Membership Committee, assisting Miss Wefel, will consist of Florence E. Cottrell, Lakewood Public Library; Margaret Dunbar, Kent State Univ. Library; Edith Hoborn, Dayton Public Library; Roberta Johnstone, Cincinnati Public Library; Irene McCreery, Toledo Public Library; Earl N. Manchester, Ohio State Univ. Library; Blanche Mitchell, Troy Public Library; Paul A. T. Noon, Ohio State Library; Helen Olmstead, New Philadelphia Public Library; Mary Louise Otto, Marietta College Library; Rose W. Pinsky, Cincinnati Univ. Library; Grace Prince, Wittenberg College Library; Pauline Reich, Cleveland Heights Public Library; Thelma Reniff, Warder Public Library, Springfield; Blanche Roberts, Columbus Public Library; George Strong, Western Reserve Univ. Library; Clarence Sumner, Youngstown Public Library.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

October 7, 1937—December 31, 1937

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, annual report, Oct. 7, 1937	$1,443.87
Memberships	105.00
Exhibits and program, Columbus Convention	928.21
Regional List	8.24
	$2,485.32

EXPENDITURES

Columbus Convention	$ 433.63
President's office	5.00
Executive Committee	35.02
O. L. A. Bulletins	59.74
Legislative Committee	227.61
Children's and School Librarians' Committee	5.23
	$ 766.23
BALANCE DEC. 31, 1937	$1,719.09

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

Columbian Building and Loan Company, Columbus	$ 304.50
Washington County Savings Loan & Bldg. Co., Marietta	324.72
National City Bank, Cleveland	1,089.87
	$1,719.09

1937-38 COMMITTEES

At its meeting last month the Executive Board made many committee appointments. A few have declined. The following have either accepted or have not been heard from:

Adult Education Committee

Pauline Fihe, Cincinnati, chairman. Will choose her own assistants.

Certification Committee

Helen Focke, Cleveland, chairman; Ruth Dennis, Green Co. Library, Xenia; Janet Hannaford, Dayton; Mary T. Hardy, Brumback Library, Van Wert; Earl N. Manchester, Ohio State University Library.

Citizens Library Committee—O. L. A. Representative

George J. Blazier, Marietta College Library.

Extension Committee

Thelma Reniff, Warder Public Library, Springfield, chairman. Will choose her own assistants.

Federal Relations Committee

Edward A. Henry, Cincinnati University Library, chairman; George J. Blazier, Marietta College Library; Paul A. T. Noon, Ohio State Library; Louise Prouty, Cleveland.

Legislative Committee

Will H. Collins, Akron, chairman; Linda A. Eastman, Cleveland; William J. Hamilton, Dayton; Mrs. Carl A. Norman, Columbus; Russell Schunk, Toledo Public Library; Clarence A. Sumner, Youngstown.

State Aid Committee

Georgie G. McAfee, Lima, chairman; Margaret Davis, Gallipolis; William J. Hamilton, Dayton; Mrs. Helen Olmstead, New Philadelphia; Louise Prouty, Cleveland; Mrs. Kathryn Staehling, Delta.

State Planning Committee

Chalmers Hadley elected for the three year term ending in 1940.

A NEW W. P. A. PROJECT

Papers have just been signed setting aside the sum of $815,573.00 for a state wide W. P. A. Library Project in Ohio. Mr. James C. Foutts is in direct charge of the project. Any library having need of help from this fund should communicate with Mr. Foutts at once. Sharing in this state wide project will be much simpler than setting up separate projects in individual libraries.

RETIREMENT PLAN

The present A. L. A. retirement plan was arranged with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company just before the depression so seriously reduced interest returns on all types of investments. The present contract expires March 31, 1938, and it is certain that the new contract to be entered into at that time will grant much less favorable terms.

No individual can buy an annuity from any regular life insurance company today on terms as favorable as those in the present A. L. A. contract. Read Ralph Shaw's article, "Can you beat it?" on page 886 of the Library Journal for December 1, 1937, and then write Mr. R. E. Dooley at the A. L. A. office for particulars in your own case at once. Don't wait for your library to act. The time is too short. You can get your own contract now and your library can assume a portion of its cost when and if it enters into a contract. Mr. Dooley must hear from you by February 15 if there is to be time enough for filling out forms and settling problems before the present contract expires on March 31.

A state retirement plan affecting libraries has passed both houses of the legislature but has not yet been sent to the Governor. It is mandatory upon all employees who are not already in some other retirement plan. IF the Governor signs it, the terms will be as favorable as those of the A. L. A. plan if the employee never leaves Ohio. Members of Ohio library staffs today who may go to other states in a few years will find the present A. L. A. plan more favorable for them than the compulsory state plan. Holding A. L. A. contracts will automatically exempt them from the Ohio state plan.

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